(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) As stated above, the RBPH of Sardar Sarovar project, which is also an ongoing project, does not fall within the framework of the revised mega power policy and is not included in the list of identified mega power projects. The revised mega power policy also does not provide for inclusion of such ongoing projects.

Cess on power generation

5595. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to levy cess on power generation;

(b) if so, whether the bill was passed;

(c) if passed, the amount so collected;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of amount utilised on survey and investigation, investment in pre-construction, development of small and mini hydro projects, renovation and modernisation of transmission lines, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI MATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The Policy on Hydro Power Development announced by the Government in August, 1998 provides for the establishment of National Power Development Fund through levy of cess at 10 paise per Kwh of electricity consumed in the country. A proposal to levy cess at 5 paise per Kwh of electricity generated was subsequently put up for consideration of the Government but was deferred.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Violation of PPA

5596. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to enquire into blatant violation of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) entered into by the AP Transco with Spectrum Power Generation Limited as reported in the "Deccan Chronicle' dated 13th April, 2000;